Grand-At the Park and Empire Theaters.

Indianapolis theatergoers are deserving of sincere congratulation upon their rare fortune in having almost the earliest opportunity of any city in the country of witnessing Miss Julia Marlowe's splendid production of Paul Kester's adaptation of Charles Major's wonderfully popular novel, "When Knighthood Was in Flower." The fact that Miss Marlowe has as large a following in this city as any actress on the stage to-day, combined with the further fact that Mr. Major is a well-known citizen and resident of Indiana, give ample ground for predicting that the current week at English's will be one of the most notable 11 the history of that temple of amusement.

has been told in four acts, the last of which includes two scenes. The views shown in the course of the play are the river landing at Windsor Park on May day in 1513, the apartments of the Princess Mary Tudor in Bridewell House, London, the great room of the Bow and String tavern in Bristol, the ballroom in the Palais de Tournelles, Paris, and the morning room in Greenwich Castle, England. The movement of the first act will take the audience quite halfway through Mr. Major's narrative, dismarry the aged King of France; her dancing lesson with Charles Brandon; the curtain on the act, when it suddenly of the lovers to Bristol, the capture by King Henry's guards and their separation of the French King, Brandon to bide his she will be the King's wife in name only. The next scene discloses Mary reigning as Queen in France and her all I. Louis's successor to the throne. Brandon appears upon the scene in time to save her wife. In the last act the lovers face the enraged Henry, who has little liking for the marriage of his sister to a commoner. Mary wheedles him so successfully, however, that he not only grants his royal forbut creates her husband Duke of A venerable chronicler of the sixteenth century concluded his story of the marriage of Charles and Mary with these words: "They deserved, as they a sovereign felicity on earth. They the utmost extent of love, and their humors and inclinations suited so perfeetly in all things that, notwithstanding the difference of their fortunes, their souls had all the qualities that might contract an indissoluble union, and therefore have they deserved the glorious name of true lovers, and in my judgment there are but few that can aspire to the honor of such a

The incidental music introduced into Miss Marlowe's production of "When Knighthood Was in Flower" forms a most interhave been resurrected after the expenditure of a great deal of time from obscure sources bearing on the manners and customs of the sixteenth century. The air to which Mary dances in the first act, when she takes her first lesson in the "new step from France," with Brandon as her instructor, is "The Sailor Lass" song, which was popular among people of both high and low degree in the opening years of Henry VIII's reign. Another quaint ballad written after the marriage of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, and Princess Mary Tudor, had a refrain which runs thus:

"Cloth of gold do not despise, Though you be matched with cloth of

It is sung by the poet jester to King Henry as the curtain falls on the last act of the new romantic drama. Another most inact, chant a requiem for the repose of the soul of Louis XII, King of France, who has just died amid the revelries of a ball at the Palais de Tournelles. The original manuscript of this chant is among the treasures of the Vatican library, and was transcribed of the actress and to whom she wrote ex-

The exactitude and care for historical de-Whole days have been spent in studying out the heraldic devices and insignta on the furniture and tapestries of the play, and some exceedingly knotty points were encountered. Often it required reference to half a dozen volumes before it could be definitely decided whether the roses of the House of Tudor or the garter and its accompanying mette of "Honi soit qui mal ; pense" should be embroidered upon the tapestries of the palace interiors, the idea being that the year 1513, in which the scene is supposed to transpire, might have been rose as an official royal emblem, or perhaps before the "Honi soit" motto was de nitely adopted for decorative purposes. One matinee will be given during the week, on Saturday. Manager Ad F. Miller, of English's Opera House, has been literally deluged with mail orders for seats for

First Week of Vaudeville at Grand Commencing with a matinee to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the Grand Opera House will leave the realm of dramatic productions and enter the field of fashionable vaudeville. Instead of two matinees and 15 cents for admission to the gallery. The night prices will be the same as pre

vailed during the stock regime.

Marlowe week.

"The Girl with the Auburn Hair," which cured for another week's stay at the Grand, only by arrangement with Manager Eirick, of Cleveland, O. The retention of this strong vaudeville act for the opening of the new season at the Grand ought much as hundreds of people were unable to secure seats for the performances last with the Auburn Hair" will present an ennificent electric and scenic effects. This is Manager Murdock's custom wherever his specialty is shown for two weeks in any city. New songs will also be sung Miss Auburn, one of which is "The Heavenly Light," written and composed by herself. The bill will include also Mr and Mrs. Perkyns Fisher in a quaint fura! character sketch by Ezra Kendall, entitled "The Halfway House;" J. K. Murray and Clara Lane, in an operatic sketch; Flatt Lund, said to be the eleverest child artist on the American stage: the three Poeriers, European gymnasts: George Stewart, who clever original imitations, and

among the latter "A Trip to Chinatown," "A Milk White Flag" and "A Contented

"Across the Pacific" Thursday.

cific," the latest play from the pen of that prolific playwright. Mr. Blaney is perhaps best recalled by his successful vaudeville farce "A Female Drummer," which was seen at the Park Theater for the first time several weeks ago. "Across the Pacific" is in four acts and seven scenes, and much of the play takes on an atmosphere of life in the Philippines during the stirring war times of the present. This is certainly bringing history on the stage up to date in a marvelously prompt manner. Life on a United States army transport is said to be depicted with re-markable fidelity. The first act takes place in Montana, the second in Chinatown, San Francisco; the third on board a transport and the fourth in and about Manila and the Philippine islands. The scenery and mechanical effects have been prepared upon a liberal and extensive scale, while the lighting effects are claimed to embrace a number of new and startling inventions. The music heard in the production was composed especially for it. In addition to the interesting historical events touched upon in the piece, a touching love story is unfolded, and much fresh comedy is sprinkled throughout with pleasing generosity.

An unusually large company is required in the production of the new melodrama. The story of Mr. Major's witching novel The principal speaking parts are in the hands of Robert Gillard, J. B. Tucker, Johnnie Williams, Leslie Matthews, O'Kane Hillis, the Miners' Quartet, John Carlyle, Frank Sanford, Pearl Seward, Fanny Fields and Harry Clay Blaney. In addition, a host of supernumeraries appear at various times during the performance The play will be given each afternoon and night until the end of the week, beginning with the matinee Thursday.

"McFadden's Row of Flats" at Park. One of the biggest hits in spectacular farce-comedy is the extremely humorous affair known by the title of "McFadden's closing Mary's rage over Henry's command | Row of Flats," which will be seen at the Park the first half of the current week, commencing to-morrow afternoon. The piece returns to the Park this season with its lines and specialties brought completely up to date, and as a scenic production it opportunity after another, and this pleasing | is said to have few if any equals. Every act this year is newly designed and painted and the chorus of attractive girls has been augmented and recostumed in a costly changes and sounds all the depths of stir- | fashion that lends beauty and grace to the ensembles. Besides all this, the piece has infusions. Everybody will welcome the terest. Instantly it flashed upon him that funny dwarfs, billed as "The Yellow Kids;" band; the laughable fire department and its | been portrayed in a drama. Thus was deunmanageable "billy goat;" and the comic stairway leading to the upper floors of the hotel. Harry Watson, the famous trick | came from less sudden inspiration, but is bicyclist, is still with the show. Other well-known and popular artists in the cast are McWatters & Tyson, Bobby Ralston, John Price, Jennie Lamont, Alonzo Lang, but ruin by the desperate plots of Francis Ima Thomas, the Frederick brothers, exponents of musical novelities; Frank Cotton and his donkey assistants; Charles Saunders and E. M. Brown. The play is and to carry her back to England as his | said to be rich in catchy music and pleasing dances. The idea of both author and | whirled him up to wealth. management is claimed to be to banish from the production everything that savors in the least of seriousness and to make the to finish. Last year's conspicuous success gives ample reason for predicting a similar result attending the forthcoming engage-

Flynn's Sensation Burlesquers.

All this week at the Empire Theater Matt J. Flynn's Big Sensation Burlesquers will entertain the patrons of the house with a vaudeville programme and an opening and closing burlesque. The opening piece is called "The Kissing Trust," which introduces the members of the company in catchy choruses and different specialties. A part of this burlesque is devoted to a specialty act entitled "The Watermelon Trust," which is said to be very laughable. Among the people who take part in the olio are Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Coates, James and Sue Grundy, Tenie Russell, Zoe Ball, Conroy & Keeler, Courtney & Nelson, Richmond & Clements, the Keeley Brothers, esting feature of the play. The songs heard | champion bag punchers, Adams & Kelly the Verdier Sisters, Josie Le Coy, and the burlesque queens, Mlle. Zitella and Blanche Guickard. It is claimed for the bag punching of the Keeley Brothers that it will be among the finest exhibitions of the kind ever seen in this city. These brothers are said to handle the bag with ease, playing coon songs and doing stunts that are mar-

The closing burlesque, "The Queen of the Opium Palace," is a skit written by Matt J. Flynn and introduces a Chinese opium joint in which the members of the company are again seen in new and pretty costumes and render some up-to-date music. The company will give daily matinees.

The Zoo This Week.

The bill at the Zoo the ensuing week which will be the eighth, will be entirely new with the exception of the popular and priests, who, in the first scene of the last | entertaining chimpanzee. Professor Blake will exhibit, for the first time here, his have proven powerful drawing cards wherever they have been shown. Captain Woodruff will be seen all week with his performing bears and his parachute-jump- is the offering immediately after Christmas American college at Rome who is a friend | ing monkey. This monkey is the only ani- as English's, the engagement being for mal in the world that has been trained to Dec. 26 and 27. earth again dangling from a parachute Lorenzo will go through some thrilling feats with Sultana, said to be the mosferoclous lioness in captivity. The chimpanzee is learning new things every day | which is a satire on the big department and his daily receptions to the public are stores. liberally attended.

MARLOWE'S ROLES.

In Her Dramatic Experience She Has Played Thirty-Four Parts.

Julia Marlowe is in the public eye at this time more prominently, perhaps, than any the play will also be presented next Monother American actress. People who have day night. hitherto known but little about this young woman who has leaped suddenly into such prominence have lately begun to examine into her past career, in order to learn if her greatness is only ephemeral or rests upon a solid basis of actual achievement.

"How many roles have you played since you first made your appearance on the stage?" Miss Marlowe was asked recently kind of an investigation into the actress's theatrical career. "Really, I haven't the slightest idea," said the actress. "Please make a rough guess for me," persisted her questioner. "Well, at a rough estimate," replied Miss Marlowe, "I should say about fifteen." "As a matter of fact," returned her friend, with an air of triumph, "the | don production. number is more than twice that. Here is a list which I have dug out of old files of newspapers, several books about yourself be published by the Bowen-Merrill Com- is a necktie that is blazing under his chin and various histories of the American pany, of this city. stage, and I want you to verify it for me." Miss Marlowe was greatly surprised to be confronted with the formidable enumerashe read the memoranda, all of her many elaborate production of "Davy Crockett," and varied characterizations came trooping certify to the correctness of the long list. and even to add one that had been omitted. Miss Marlowe's large following in this city will doubtless be interested in recalling these characters which have at various times been delineated by their favorite

actress. They are as follows: Chorus singer, in a juvenile production of "Pinafore;" Sir Joseph Porter, in a juvenile production of "Pinafore;" Suzanne, in "The Chimes of Normandy;" Page, in "The Little Duke;" Heinrich, in "Rip Van Winkle:" Rip's sister, in "Rip Van Winkle" (this is the one that was omitted in the list submitted to the actress); Maria, in "Twelfth Night;" Balthazar, Romeo's page, in "Ro meo and Juliet;" Stephen, in "The Hunchback;" Myrene, in "Pygmalion and Galatea;" Parthenia, in "Ingomar:" Juliet, in "Romeo and Juliet:" Viola, in "Twelfth Night;" Julia, in "The Hunchback:" Pau-Frank Urban, the clay modeler and comic line, in "The Lady of Lyons;" Rosalind, in musician. Mr. Murray was formerly the leading baritone with the Castle-square and Galatea;" Beatrice, in "Much Ado Opera Company, of Boston, and Miss Clara About Nothing;" Imogen, in "Cymbeline;" Lane was the prima donna of that or- Charles Hart, in "Rogues and Vagabonds;"

"Colombe's Birthday;" Prince Hal, in "Henry the Fourth;" Kate Hardcastle, in "She Stoops to Conquer;" Lydia Languish in "The Rivals" (this was as a member of the famous all-star cast that made a brief tour of leading cities a few seasons ago); Romola, in "Romola;" Mary, in "For Bon-nie Prince Charlie;" the Countess Valeska, in "The Countess Valeska;" Colinette, in "Colinette;" Barbara Frietchie, in "Bar-One of the most pretentious melodramatic productions launched the current season is Charles E. Blaney's "Across the Pa-

The foregoing list contains the names of thirty-three parts, and the thirty-fourth and last is that of Princess Mary Tudor, in "When Knighthood Was in Flower." 1 is interesting to note that in her childhood Miss Marlowe played four tiny roles in as many plays in which she afterwards had leading parts, and which brought to her some of the most notable successes of her career. These plays were "Twelfth Night," in which, as a girl, she played Maria, ulti-mately to shine forth as the most winning and tender Viola known to the present generation of playgoers. Then there was Romeo's page, Balthazar, in "Romeo and Juliet." a step towards the triumph which she finally achieved as Juliet. The little part of Stephen, in "The Hunchback," preceded her remarkable conception of Julia in the same play. Finally, Myrene, in "Pygmalion and Galatea," was a forerunner of her beautiful portrayal of Galatea, in Mr. Gilbert's famous dramatic idyl.

INCEPTION OF A PLAY.

How Joseph Arthur Gets His Inspiration for Dramas.

Joseph Arthur, the dramatist, enjoys telling how he got the suggestion for the "Still Alarm," a play which was a mine of wealth to its author. Mr. Arthur, then a young showman, was walking along the street in New York one day, pondering on the viccissitudes of a theatrical man's life and the inscrutable ways of Dame Fortune. His thoughts ran over the list of acquaintances who had made riches out of the theater, and somewhat bitterly he mentally contrasted these fortunes and the way success had come to him. It struck him that the ability of these lucky persons was not so greatly in excess of his own that he might not yet hope to do what they had

"Why can't I write a play as well as the rest of these fellows?" thought he. At that moment he was passing a fire engine house, when the big gong within rang an alarm of fire, bringing the well-trained horses jumping from their stalls to their places at the apparatus and the firemen sliding down the pole to dress as they been cleverly rearranged and new bits of | ped to watch this engine company leave | dance in their hall last night. comedy inserted together with other bright its quarters, always a sight of thrilling ina like spectacle would be strikingly efthe ludicrous travesty on Sousa and his fective on the stage. The like had never rived the central idea for the "Still Alarm. Mr. Arthur's latest drama, "Lost River, interesting nevertheless. Mr. Arthur formerly lived in the Lost River region of Indiana. That was when his father, a clergyman, preached to the good folk of that section. Mr. Arthur was a boy then, full of pranks and with an all-conquering fondness for playing circus and show-the budding taste that later in life drew him into the vortex of theatrical life and Favorite of his youthful pastimes was to

gather a troop of playmates about him. take forcible possession of a neighbor's barn, and with his comrades give a "show. Young Arthur was always the originator of the plays these juveniles presented on such occasions. He invented the scenes, dialogues and situations. He was the acknowledged superior in this line. The lad's wandering circuses and stray tent shows, | nue, last week. but the dramatic instinct was rising within him, even then, and he was quick to see the possibilities for stage characters that were afforded by the quaint, eccentric folk living all about. These he seized upon to be worked into his amateur dramas. Their striking points were always

accentuated for comic effect. In time the doings of these little chaps became noised throughout the village. People heard that they were being caricatured in young Arthur's shows. Few paid any heed, but two or three of the most noted characters of the village took strong exception to having their distinctive traits last act of "Julius Caesar." juggled with in this fashion. These protestants used to find out when and where the lads were giving their exhibitions and then making a descent upon them, scatter the performers, and on one or two occasions chastised the youthful author.

Mr. Arthur spent last summer in the Lost River region, revisiting the scenes of his childhood. Several of the celebrated characters of his boyhood days are still there. He talked over old times with them and they laughed together. The picturesqueness of the people and their lives and country then struck Mr. Arthur with a force that had never before come to him. He saw the rare material for a drama in the country and its natives. The result is the latest dramatic romance of southern Indiana, in which several of his boyhood acquaintances appear as characters, although under different names. Lost River folk are intensely interested in the play, and are talking of getting up an excursion to see the play. "Whether they will make history repeat itself," by thrashing the author afterwards remains to be seen, for "Lost River" comes to English's Opera House, its first engagement out of New York, Christmas week.

The Stage at Home.

Howard Gould, in "Rupert of Hentzau," at Lebanon.

The Utopians, the Empire Theater holi day attraction, is presenting a musical burlesque entitled "Wanna-Macey & Co.."

XXX The attraction for Christmas afternoon and night at English's will be Joseph Arthur's much-discussed new play of Indiana life, "Lost River," with the original cast which is producing it so brilliantly in New York at the present time. Unless the company is delayed in getting to Indianapolis

Two of the strongest melodramas of recent years have been secured for next (Christmas) week at the Park Theater. The first half Gus Hill's elaborate production of "Man's Enemy," and the last half Joseph Le Brandt's successful play, "Caught in the Webb," will be given. The matinee Christmas day (Tuesday) will be special, which means that night prices will be charged. according to the custom prevailing on holi-

In Other Places.

Hall Caine's novel, "The Great Ritson Case," has been dramatized by Lawrence

"Pudd'nhead Wilson" is to be revived next season, and may possibly have a Lon-

Joseph Arthur has turned his play. 'Johnny," into a novel, which will shortly

Menifee Johnstone, who was associated with Frank Mayo a long time, has decided tion of parts which she has played, but, as | to go on the road with Stella Kenny in an

Mabel Amber is credited with a distinct

personal triumph in Joseph Haworth's production of "Robert of Sicily," which will, it is said, be given in New York in the near future. "L'Ainee," has been dramatized by B. B.

Valentine under the title of "An Alpine Madonna," and will be produced next season by David Henderson for the production of Johann Strauss's

posthumous opera, "Wiener Blut," at the Broadway Theater, New York, Jan. 21. Louis Frohoff, who was a member the Grand stock company at the beginning of the present season, has accepted a position with the Columbia Theater stock

Manager Oscar Hammerstein in Boston so much that he at once secured the produc-Theater, beginning next Monday.

James K. Murray filed a petition in bankruptcy in Boston recently, which brought to light the interesting fact that he owes his wife, Clara Lane, \$5,000 salary for sing-ing with him. His total liabilities were given at \$16,907.28, with no assets.

XXX Ethel Brandon has resigned from Edward E. Rice's "When We Were Twenty-one" company to accept a position with Nat C. Goodwin in the cast of the same play. Miss Brandon replaces Eleanor Gist in the role of Firefly, the music-hall dancer.

Rose Coghlan will shortly introduce a novelty into vaudeville, consisting of sketches written around characters in which she achieved success on the legitimate stage. The first of these will show her once more as Lady Gay Spanker, the principal feminine role of "London Assur-

THE CITY'S SOCIAL LIFE.

(CONCLUDED FROM ELEVENTH PAGE) "Concert Etude" (Vogrick), "Erl-King" (Schubert-Liszt); original poems, "Apostrophe to Hope," "The Song of the Sea," "To Sleep," by Miss Laura Hull-

Friday Afternoon Club-Hostess, Mrs. Romaine R. Armstrong; "A Christmas Story," Mrs. Lizzie V. Spahr; "Christmas Customs," Mrs. Nettie H. New; "A Christmas Poem," Mrs. Ida R. Pursell; "A Christmas Box," Mrs. Augusta W. Paver; Christmas song and music.

The Woman's Research Club-Monday: Hostess, Mrs. Albert Kimberlain; responses; musical jests; "History of Pianoforte Music," Miss Sarah Rudisell; illustrations by Miss Aufderheide and Miss Moore; "Songs of Shubert," Mrs. Fremont Swain; reading, "Ole Bull's Christmas Story," Mrs. Wirt C. Smith.

Irvington.

Mrs. F. D. Van Houghten is visiting her parents in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Henry Moore returned, Friday, Miss May Green, of Rising Sun, will be the guest of Miss Mabel Grubbs this week. Miss Shaw, of Chicago, was the guest of Professor and Mrs. J. D. Forrest for several days last week.

Miss Ruth Bayne, of Franklin, Ind., was the guest of Miss Bessie Pierson, at the college residence, last week. The Sigma Chis entertained a number of

Mrs. Henry S. Schell will come, Saturday, to spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Layman.

have returned from a short visit with Mr. Hyde's parents, in Rushville. Mrs. Longley and daughter Ruth, of Noblesville, visited Miss Edith Longley, at the college residence, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore, of Ladoga, Ind., are the guests of Dr. Henry Moore and family, on Washington street. The Irvington Tuesday Club will meet on Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. George Galvin, on Washington street. Mr. Charles Brouse has returned from New Orleans, where he accompanied his daughter Julia, on her way to Santa Cruz,

Miss Rebecca Downey, of Colorado, will come, the last of this week, to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark. Mrs. James S. Dodds and daughter, Miss Margaret Dodds, of Morristown, were the guests of Mrs. J. V. Shipp, on Butler ave-

Mrs. Vawter Barnett will leave, next week, for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend the winter with relatives. Miss Helen Norris will accompany her. The Irvington Fortnightly Club met, Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Mary

original love story was read by Mrs. W. H. The Irvington Shakspeare Coterie met, yesterday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. C. M. Cross, on Washington street. The programme consisted in a reading of the

On Wednesday evening the young men of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity were given a dinner at the college residence by Mr. John Brown. In the evening a dance was given in the Delt Hall, on Central avenue. Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Dalrymple for the marriage of their daughter, Jessie Marie, and Mr. William Jasper Dobyns, the wedding to occur on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Downey-avenue Christian Church.

Mrs. T. R. Rainy entertained the executive board of the Methodist Ladies' Aid Society at luncheon, Wednesday, Those present were Mrs. H. C. Badger, Mrs. Jason Baker, Mrs. T. L. Thompson, Mrs. C. L. Ritter, Mrs. B. J. Terrel, Miss Mary Rodney, Mrs. Colt and Mrs. Cooper.

The young ladies of the college residence who will leave, this week, to spend Christmas at home are Miss Bessie Pierson at Fountaintown, Miss Jessamine Armstrong at Kokomo, Miss Nina Ely at Brooklyn. Miss Lulu Kellar at Morristown, Miss Minnie Wink, at Knightstown, Miss Edith Longley at Noblesville, Miss Ooloolah Burner at Anderson, Miss May Carpenter at Chicago, Miss Harriet Banks at Hooker, Miss Grace Hetfield and Miss Bessie Hetfield at Morristown and Miss Ocie Higgins

IT WOULD BE NICE.

Men Ought to Tell What They Want

For Christmas. Philadelphia Telegraph.

Wouldn't it be nice if the men folks of the family would make a list of the things they would really like to have at Christmas? I think every woman who has to send gifts to men would rise up and bless them and hold them in loving remembrance as never before if they only would lend a hand or voice to the solving of this perplexing question. It's far worse than the servant girl question just at the moment, and the woman who is going around in the stores clutch ing her pompadour, making a thousand wrinkles in her face, and walking over everybody else in her abstraction is tryng to think of a suitable gift for John. No matter how much a girl is opposed o smoking, she wishes at Christmas time that her own especial friend was addicted to the weed, so she could send him some of the pretty things for smo ers. But it wouldn't help her in the least If he did smoke, he would be already deluged with smoking paraphernalia. know of one man who received twenty cigarette cases and match safes one year. They poured in upon him from aunts, cousins, and friends until he be came actually afraid to open a small package. His brain reeled at the thought of more match safes. Another man has a collection of ash trays, paper cutters. and the like that would do credit to a Neckties, however, are a man's bete noir. Don't send him a necktie. It's one chance in a hundred that you'll hit what he likes, for this is one thing about which most men are particular and have special likes and dislikes Many a man is a martyr after Christmas. And the cause of his suffering

and announcing his approach in red, blue, purple and green searchlights that flash a square ahead of him. He wouldn't hurt his wife's feelings by throwing it away, but the secret agony he endures makes him regard Christmas as worse than a visitation of smallpox. If you see a man going around after Christmas with agony written in capital letters all over his countenance, just look at his necktie before you call the am-

That's the trouble! You can't give them necktles. Canes and umbrellas are equally doubtful, for you may not strike a handle they'll like. If you make them fancywork Jules Lemaitre's strong comedy drama, | -handkerchief cases and such-they are never again to see the light of day. Calendars, books and desk nicnacs they are deluged with; and what are you going to do? You tramp miles, get several additional gray hairs, and fairly bring on an at-Etienne Girardot, Raymond Hitchcock tack of nervous prostration, and then by and W. T. Carleton have been engaged the sickly smile or the effusive thanks on of 4,800,000 added to the 76,000,000 of the

That's the reason I think the men might help us out by writing a note to Santa Claus and giving it to us to mail.

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CENSUS PROPHECY FULFILLED. Startling Accuracy of a Harvard Pro-

fessor's Forecast in 1775. National Magazine.

Edward Wigglesworth, "Hollis professor of divinity at Cambridge," in a little pamphlet published in the portentous year of 1775, must have had a correct idea of tossed into the unused bureau drawer, the prosperity of this country, during the century just closing, as he predicted that the population of the "British American colonies" in 1900 would be 80,000,000. Included in this estimate was Nova Scotia, now the Dominion of Canada,

which with its last recorded census result Christmas morning you know you naven't United States fulfills almost to the letter forecast was not based upon any species of guess work, but upon a well-defined and clearly-constructed mathematical theory, which, reduced to plain words, can be best described in the language of its author: "The British-Americans have doubled

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which history has shown to be as correct as his method was simple Assuming that the 1775 population was 2,500,000 Mr. Wigglesworth estimated 5,000,-000 for 1800, 10,000,000 for 1825, 20,000,000 for 1850, 40,000,000 for 1875 and 80,000,000 for 1900; and the record of the United States census, the accuracy of the Wigglesworth proph-ecy. And this somewhat remarkable stantially these figures, as follows: Census stantially these figures, as follows: Census of 1800, 5,308,000; 1825 (1820), 9,633,000; 1850, 23,-191,000; 1875, (1870), 38,658,000; 1900 with Can-

One of Kitchener's Men Talks.

younger ones would stand behind a rock, and say: 'I say, men, move along that way, or 'Hey, there, work ovah to the left, will you?' We had business to attend to. and we just went whichever way seemego right out in the open, wearing their single eyeglarses, and get shot down like men." Describing an officer's treatment of a cowardly ileutenant, he said: "Captain Warren finally found him away back among the horses, which we had left in A trooper of Kitchener's Horse, who had are you doing here? yelled the captain. Sought through the South African war, at-Opera Company, of Boston, and Miss Clara
Lane was the prima donna of that organization. Rose Sutherland, is well known and popular in this city, having been seen here often, in "Chatterton;" Lady Teazle, in "Buperba" and several of the Hoyt farces,

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